

BANQUET IS SERVED TO 150 GUESTS

President Austin Entertains Odd Fellows
and Visiting Ladies at College;
Fine Flow of Oratory Follows
Superb "Feed"

DEPARTMENTS OF INSTITUTION VISITED

J. A. Rose Officials as Toastmaster; All
Speakers Sing Praises of O. C. W.;
Judge Robertson Gives Strong
Approval to School

President Austin of the Oklahoma College for Women boosted his already high batting average as an entertainer when he played the part of host at a banquet which he tendered Tuesday evening to the Odd Fellows and their ladies who were attending the grand encampment here. Plates were provided for 150 guests and there were no vacant places at the tables.

Street cars conveyed the visitors to the college, leaving the downtown district at 6 p. m. Mr. Austin greeted his guests on their arrival and when they had gathered in the auditorium of the Administration building, he gave them an informal talk, thoroughly explaining the purposes and work of the institution, following which came a "personally conducted" tour of investigation of all departments of the school. Class rooms, laboratory, library, domestic science and fine arts rooms—all were included in the trip, and then the invaders advanced upon Nellie Sparks hall where, the president told them, at the sound of a bell, they were to proceed to "play the game."

At 7 o'clock the feasting began after Mr. Austin had returned thanks to the Deity. Early in the action the college quartet was introduced and delighted the crowd with a splendid vocal number. The menu, skillfully prepared and served by young ladies, was sufficient to satisfy the demands of even the most exacting. One of the visitors couldn't wait till the speech-making program was begun, but voluntarily arose to declare that he had dined over a greater part of the country but nowhere had he seen such a fine banquet as the college was giving.

J. A. Rose, of this city, past grand master of the order of Odd Fellows, presided as toastmaster. Mr. Rose introduced the college as the chief topic of conversation and the rest of the speakers, for the most part, stuck to the text. From President Austin, who opened, to Judge J. B. A. Robertson, who closed the argument, there was "one clear note in divers strains" and that note was "college, college, college."

Judge Robertson spoke at some length regarding the school, saying that he had placed his daughter here as a student after satisfying himself that she would receive the protection that he desired for her and that she would have educational advantages equal to the best. Careful inquiry into the work of the school made since his daughter became a student here convinced him that he made no mistake. Judge Robertson said he favored the most liberal appropriations for the development of the O. C. W.

Brief talks were made by the following:

- Grand Patriarch Frank Plato for grand encampment.
- Past Grand Patriarch H. N. Pope, of Lawton.
- Grand Secretary G. W. Bruce of Guthrie, for grand lodge.
- Noble Grand B. B. Barefoot for subordinate lodges.
- Past Grand Representative Clarence Lyons of Oklahoma City.
- Past Grand Representative William Noble of McAlester.
- Grand High Priest R. N. Scofield, of Muskogee.
- Past Grand Representative J. C. Monforte, of Tulsa.
- Past Grand Patriarch W. R. Fry of Perry.

Mayor Coffman was called upon for a speech but was not present. Mr. Barefoot, who was pressed into ser-

vice in his place, made an impromptu address which fully measured up to the mayor's high standard of eloquence.

A pleasing part of the program was a humorous reading given by Miss Olive Robertson, who was compelled to respond to an encore. A unanimous vote of thanks was given to President Austin and the young ladies by the guests. The program ended at 8:30 o'clock.

BUSINESS SESSIONS ARE HELD

Grand Encampment of Odd Fellows Elects
Officers; Messages of Regret Received;
Guthrie is Chosen as Next
Meeting Place

The grand encampment of Oklahoma Odd Fellows have finished up all play and all sight seeing and all degree work and are getting down to work, hard work, and plenty of it, today.

The "enjoyment" sessions came to an end last night when the members of the order, with satisfied gastronomic longings, following the reception at the O. C. W., assembled in the Odd Fellows' hall and burned up several boxes of good cigars.

This morning the election of grand officers for the ensuing year occupied the greater part of the time of the body.

In regular order the following officers were elected: R. H. Scofield, Muskogee, grand patriarch; C. F. Knudsen, Kaw City, grand high priest; L. H. Kerr, Enid, grand senior warden; W. E. Ward, Antlers, grand junior warden; H. A. Herwig, Guthrie, grand scribe; C. P. Arnold, Blackwell, grand treasurer; L. W. Wiley, Roosevelt, grand marshal; Dr. C. P. Hughes, Lawton, grand inside sentinel; H. E. Kneelsy, Checotah, grand outside guard; W. A. Madara, Perry, trustee for three years; Ed Fishback, Bartlesville, trustee one year.

Wires of regret were received and read from a number of grand officers who were unable to attend this meeting of the grand encampment. Among those wiring regrets were E. E. Norville, of Wynnewood, grand master; Ben F. LaFayette of Checotah; W. M. Elmore, past grand patriarch; J. F. Foss, and others. W. M. Edmonson is one of the oldest members of the order in Oklahoma. In his wire he stated that this is the first encampment he has failed to attend in twenty years and greatly regretted ailing health prevented his attendance.

Among the prominent members of the order present at the encampment whose names did not appear on the published list yesterday are Rev. James J. H. Reedy, of Tulsa, and J. C. Montfort, past grand patriarch, also of Tulsa.

At the executive business meeting this afternoon all resolutions introduced at the last grand encampment and carried over for action to the present encampment, were again passed. This was done in order that the Sovereign Grand lodge, which will meet in September, may complete all work of remodelling the laws of the organization before the resolutions receive the final consideration.

Among those upon whom was conferred the Royal Purple degree yesterday were James F. Dillon, J. R. Riley, J. L. Ketchell, Geo. F. Martin, W. G. Feeks, John Pritchett, E. B. Sprouterbach, Oscar Simpson, all of Chickasha, and P. D. Clarke, of Stillwater.

It was voted to hold the next meeting of the Encampment at Guthrie.

A committee of eleven Patriarchs was appointed by the grand patriarch to confer with the committee of five members appointed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge in regard to the needs and welfare of the Encampment branch of the order, and relative to the needs and upbuilding of this branch. The committee was composed of the following: G. W. Bruce, grand secretary; W. R. Fry, P. G. P.; R. A. Brown, P. D. C.; Fred L. Strough, P. G. P.; A. S. J. Shaw, G. R. P.; H. A. Herwig, G. S.; H. N. Pope, P. O. P.; L. H. Kerr, G. J. W.; Logan Hawkins, G. W.; J. C. Montfort, P. G. P.; J. J. Griffith, P. G. P. The officers of the Grand Encampment of Odd Fellows, adjourning today, has conferred the Decoration of

SOCIETIES OF C. H. S. IN CONTEST

Athenians Go Strong in First Events but
Lose to Philomatheans when Debate
is Staged; Final Score
40 to 30

LOVING CUP REWARD OF WINNING SIDE

Essays, Stories, Orations, Piano Solos
and Arguments are Grounds for
Battle; Patrons Pack Auditorium of High School

The inter-society contest held last night in the high school auditorium resulted in a victory for the Philomatheans, by a score of 40 to 30.

The contest consisted of original essays, stories and orations, piano solos and readings, and a debate. The winner in each event received ten points, except in the debate, which counted twenty, making the total number of points 70.

Claire Woodson, Athenian, won over Dewey Neal, Philomathean, with an original essay. Misses Marjorie Cochran, Athenian, and Gladys Wilson, Philomathean, were the musical contestants, with Miss Wilson winning. In presenting original stories, Miss Nellie Wendt, Philomathean, won over Miss Esther Williams, Athenian, and in delivering original orations, Miss Clarice Tatman, Athenian, won over Norman Duncan, Philomathean. In the reading contest, Misses Zella Stoddard, Athenian, and Thelma Rose, Philomathean, were opponents. Miss Stoddard winning.

Up to the time of the debate the score stood 39 to 29 in favor of the Athenians, and the excitement was intense. The question chosen was, "Resolved, That the Philippines should be granted their independence in four years," with Harry Hulen and Miss Hallie Grimsley, Athenians, on the affirmative, and Miss Lucile Westfall, and Joe McClelland, Philomatheans, taking the negative side. The judges' decision was rendered in favor of the negative, giving the contest as a whole to the Philomatheans. This society was then presented a loving cup by the members of last year's debating team.

Misses Carson, Wylie and Tully acted as musical judges. Miss O'Neill was judge in the reading contest, and Rev. G. Lyle Smith and Misses Wheeler and O'Neil were the judges for the debate and other contests.

Misses Graham and Byers were faculty advisers for the Philomatheans and Miss Newby and Mr. Reeds for the Athenians.

The auditorium was packed with enthusiastic listeners, during the spirited contest.

CRUISER IN HEAVY GALE

By United Press.
Boston, May 17.—The U. S. cruiser San Francisco was driven ashore on the Nantucket shoals by a gale this morning.

The warship was floated unassisted a few hours later. Reports concerning dead and injured, received early in the day, proved to be erroneous.

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- WEATHER FORECAST.
- For Oklahoma.
- Tonight, generally fair;
- Thursday, fair, warmer.
- Local Temperature.
- During 24 hours ending 8
- a. m. today:
- Maximum, 78; minimum, 50.
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Chivalry upon the following ladies, wives of patriarchy and chevaliers. Mesdames Avis Fry and Maggie Kite, of Perry; Mesdames Fannie Hubbard, Bertha Holland, Stella Hollingsworth, all of Chickasha; Mrs. Mollie Boyer, Sapulpa; Mrs. Ophelia Wester, Burnsville; Mrs. Viola Crisler, McAlester; Mrs. Helen Taggart, Tulsa.

AMERICAN TRENCHES AT BOCA GRANDE



These trenches at Boca Grande, Mexico, were dug and are occupied by negro troops.

DIPLOMAS ARE SENT TO PUPILS

Eighth Graders in Rural Schools Receive
Tokens of Progress; Results of
Second Examination Will
Be Known Soon

Ninety-seven diplomas for those who successfully passed the first eighth grade examination some weeks ago, were received in the office of the county superintendent this morning and will be at once mailed out to rural school pupils.

The diplomas, numerically, are divided as follows among the different schools of Grady county: Chickasha, 10; Rush Springs, 12; Minco, 4; Pocasset, 10; Alex, 6; Acme, 2; Ninkah, 5; Tuttle, 16; Verden, 12; Agawam, 1; Bailey, 2; Bridge Creek, 1; Middleburg, 1; Rocky Ford, 1; Bradley, 5; Verden, 3; Marlow, 2. (The diplomas going to Marlow are for Grady county pupils, living in Grady county, attending the county schools, but having their post office address at Marlow.)

Superintendent Shepard stated this morning that the work of grading the papers of the last eighth grade examination, conducted here last week, was nearing completion; that he had six teachers aiding in grading the papers and that the papers, as soon as the work of grading shall be completed, will be forwarded to the state board of education for final action and the diplomas for the successful ones returned.

There are, in round numbers, 400 papers in the last examination, each paper being divided into sixteen parts, or subjects, and each subject carrying ten questions, making a total of 6,400 questions and answers to be considered by the local board now working on the papers.

The teachers who are passing upon the papers stated this morning that many of the pupils handled their examinations carefully, while some of the others showed an unfortunate amount of carelessness interspersed with their questions. This carelessness might, it was stated, keep some from passing who would otherwise be entitled to diplomas.

FRED WARNER IN JAIL.

Fred Warner was arrested yesterday afternoon by Sheriff Bailey on charges of having transported liquor from Verden to Chickasha. Deputy Castleman and County Attorney Venable took the prisoner to Verden, where the railway agent identified him as the man who had received for certain express packages later found in Warner's possession and said to have contained intoxicants.

CADDO COMMISSIONER HERE.

M. F. Ottmayer, one of the commissioners of Caddo county, was a visitor in Chickasha yesterday. Commissioner Ottmayer was entertained, while here, and escorted about the city and over some of the fine Grady county roads by Commissioner Jim Robinson and Commissioner W. A. Bryant.

a peculiar heroism. A glacier began to stamp out cartridge clips; a manufacturer of music rolls used his equipment to make gauges; a concern engaged before the war in the manufacture of infants' food is now delivering thousands of plugs for shells; an advertising agency is manufacturing shell adapters; watch makers are adjusting fuses; a manufacturer of baking machinery has become an expert contractor for 6-inch high explosive shells; a jewelry house is devoting its attention exclusively to periscopes; a phonograph concern is sending millions of delicate shell parts to the assembling stations; a concern which made nothing but sheep shearing machinery is turning out shell cases; a cream separator company is at work on shell primers while the largest sewing machine manufacturing company in the kingdom is manufacturing guns.

RANCHER IS RESCUED BY SOLDIERS

Troops Dash Into Town, Surprising Mexicans; Chinese Merchants are Reported Slain by Bandits, Following Change of U. S. Base

By United Press.
Marathon, Tex., May 17.—American troops dashed into El Pinar, a small town one hundred and twenty-five miles south of the border, surprising the Mexicans, who fled, and rescuing Jesse E. Deemer, a rancher, and Monroe Payne, a negro, who were captured in the Glenn Springs raid by Mexicans. No fighting is reported, the Mexicans having abandoned their prisoners in a precipitate flight. The raiders had left the two Americans with a Mexican family.

By United Press.
Columbus, N. M., May 17.—According to the report of truck drivers arriving here, bandit bands, apparently awaiting the withdrawal of American troops, slaughtered twelve Chinese merchants at San Antonio, Mexico, as soon as the advance base was withdrawn. Many natives have withdrawn from here, fearing death or reprisal for having aided the Americans. Soldiers are shunning Casas Grandes, near Dublin, on account of rumor of outbreak of incipient typhus plague. No expeditioners are reported affected.

Won't Press Request.
By United Press.
Washington, May 17.—According to the official view here, Carranza will not press his request for withdrawal of the U. S. troops for some time unless popular demand compels him.

By the working agreement made by Scott and Obregon, the withdrawal of the troops as soon as banditry is squelched is pledged.

SUNK WITH AMERICANS ON BOARD

By United Press.
Washington, May 17.—The American consul at La Rochelle, France, has cabled that three Americans were aboard the Canadian steamer, Eritria, which has been sunk. It is reported that the vessel struck a mine.

Replies to Peace Letter.

By United Press.
Washington, May 17.—It has been learned that President Wilson has dispatched a reply to the Pope's peace letter. It is understood that this reply was handed to Monsignor Bonanno on Monday.

Brief Sea Battle.

By United Press.
London, May 17.—British destroyers and monitors yesterday fought a short battle with German destroyers off the Belgian coast, the Germans withdrawing. There were no British casualties.

TO WIDEN SCOPE OF SCHOOLS

In Letter to Boards and City Superintendents, Wilson Lays Stress on Vocational Training and Teaching of Thrift

"AGGIE" INSTRUCTION IN SUMMER IS URGED

Suggests that Children Be Kept Busy in Gardens During June, July and August; Enid and Tulsa Blaze Way

Oklahoma City, May 17.—Stressing the importance of vocational training and thrift teaching and suggesting that teachers of agriculture in city schools be employed throughout the summer, State Supt. Wilson, in a letter addressed to all city superintendents and boards of education, writes as follows:

"Within the last few years, vocational training has become entrenched in the course of study offered by the public schools. Especially is this true in cities. One of the greatest problems in connection with our entire school system today is the teaching of thrift. The introduction of vocational instruction has helped a great deal in this respect.

"In the older cities school savings banks have been established, and as a result the school children have saved many thousands of dollars that otherwise would have been spent for something of no particular value to the children or for something actually detrimental.

"The schools ought to do their part in securing positions for worthy boys and girls who have no one to assist them in securing positions and who must necessarily work during vacation in order to earn money with which to pay their expenses during the next school year. The time will come in a few years when the teachers in the schools will give especial attention to securing positions for worthy boys and girls who want work during vacation.

"We have asked our schools this year to do something along the line of thrift teaching. Many have responded. In some cases the school savings bank has been established. In others clubs have been organized and students have discussed the plans for making money or spending money judiciously and have even made investments.

"In all high schools the subject of agriculture is being taught not because it is required by the constitution and the statutes but because it is the one industry upon which this country depends for its prosperity. In discussing this subject in a number of cities during last winter I suggested that the teacher of agriculture in the high school should be employed for the full year and if given a vacation it should be given during the months of December and January and that he should by all means be on duty during the months of June, July and August. Two cities, Enid and Tulsa, are taking up this work this year. These agriculturalists will supervise school gardens, supervise the work done by boys on vacant lots and truck patches, and look after the trees, shrubbery and flowers on the school grounds. It is my candid opinion that every agricultural teacher ought to be employed by these schools during the summer months and the boys who want to make money should be given a chance to cultivate vacant lots and truck patches about the cities, thus making the city more attractive, giving the boys employment and a chance to make some money. The citizens of the town should encourage these boys to cultivate the vacant lots and truck patches and should give them first consideration when buying produce. In the event more produce is raised than can be consumed a market should be secured for it. In larger cities where there are a great many boys to work and a great deal of vacant property, if a few enterprising citizens would support the boys, they could establish a